Prevention of Road Accidents

†1345. DR. KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the effective steps Government are taking to prevent the increasing road accidents in the country;

(b) whether more accidents take place due to non-provision of brick work on both sides of national highways;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI): (a) Steps taken by the Government involve Engineering and managerial efforts like strengthening and widening of roads, road signages, improvement of road geometrics, training, awareness, enforcement, etc.

(b) and (c) No study has been carried out to investigate whether accidents are reduced by provision of brick shoulders.

(d) There are several reasons of for road accidents e.g. Lack of traffic discipline on the part of drivers and road users, phenomenal increase in the number of motor vehicles with no corresponding increase in road capacity, mixed traffic condition, overspeeding, overloading, drunken driving, mechanical defect in vehicles, etc.

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